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# MAYOR'S POINT

**Bill Krawietz**  
Mayor of Bulverde, TX

In May, Bulverde received much needed rain, but fortunately not in the damaging volume seen elsewhere in our region, like Boerne, Blanco, Wimberley, and San Marcos. The Bulverde and Spring Branch area experienced relatively little damage and flooding from the storm event compared to our nearby neighbors.

Getting important emergency information and warnings out to residents during such occurrences can truly be a life or death matter. The National Weather Service does a good job at sending out warnings via cell phone and radio alerts; however, they are generalized and usually for large geographic areas.

The City and County have the ability to send out warnings to a much more targeted audience through the Reverse 911 System. An alert message can be sent to just one neighborhood, or even a single street. The default system uses the traditional landline—but what if you have discontinued your traditional household wired phone service or are not at home? The answer is simple; you can register your mobile phone with Reverse 911. Go to: [http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Tri\\_County\\_Reverse\\_911.htm](http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Tri_County_Reverse_911.htm)

With flooding so recently on our minds, the City continues to work diligently to counter the negative effects of more impervious cover being added to an area that is already flood prone due to topography. The challenge is in finding ways to mitigate this increase in storm water runoff caused by new development.

There are areas of the community that have always been prone to flooding, but with new development and an increase of impervious cover (more rooftops and paving), those flood-prone areas have the potential to expand if not properly mitigated via stringent development guidelines. This is evident in the latest FEMA floodplain maps—properties previously outside the floodplain are now included. This is devastating for those property owners.

The City continues to intensely study the large watersheds that drain through our community, namely the Indian Creek and Lewis Creek. Only when you fully understand the runoff dynamics of these watershed basins can you engineer appropriate drainage systems in a manner that will not harm downstream properties.

It has always been my philosophy that new development needs to pay its own way in regards to mitigating any negative effects it may bring. As a result of the City's recent engineering studies and planning efforts, our community now has the legal mechanisms to require developers to make that happen.

Through some tough negotiation, the City recently received the first installment of two payments of \$250,000 from Lennar Homes, which is developing 4S Ranch off of Stahl Lane. These monies are strictly restricted to only be used for drainage improvements and flood mitigation projects within the Lewis Creek Watershed. This mitigation funding is in addition to the normal runoff mitigation infrastructure that will be required for the development to build. While the project will legally be required to not make the Lewis Creek Watershed runoff any worse than existing conditions, the mitigation funding will help the City fund improvement projects to make it better.

Hopefully, through the City's due diligence and increased standards, our residents in low lying areas may one day not worry about flooding in stormy weather.



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# BULVERDE SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Bulverde will conduct a Special Election on Saturday, July 11, 2015 to elect one Council Member for Place Three of the City Council. Early voting for this election will take place on July 1, 2, 6, and 7, 2015 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Election Day voting will be conducted on **Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm**. All voting will be held at the Bulverde City Hall, 30360 Cougar Bend, Bulverde, Tx 78163.

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OCTOBER 6TH 2015



## *Bulverde's National Night Out*

Last year marked the first time the City of Bulverde participated in the National Awards program for National Night Out (NNO). Additionally, the City hosted the first ever appreciation event for those citizens hosting a NNO block party event, which was held the Sunday before National Night Out. It was a great opportunity to distribute gift bags to block party hosts, as well as an opportunity for hosts to visit with each other and share block party ideas. Bulverde placed 6th in Texas for cities under 15,000 in population, a respectable finish considering it was the first year to participate in the national awards program. National Night Out 2015 is scheduled in Texas for Tuesday October 6th, and members of the Bulverde Police Department are looking for individuals who would like to either host or co-host a block party event. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and local first responders, and to discuss ideas for a safer community. If you are interested in hosting a block party, or are looking for a block party near you, please contact Mary Bell at the Bulverde Police Department at 830-438-3612. We look forward to working together with the community to make National Night Out 2015 the best ever.

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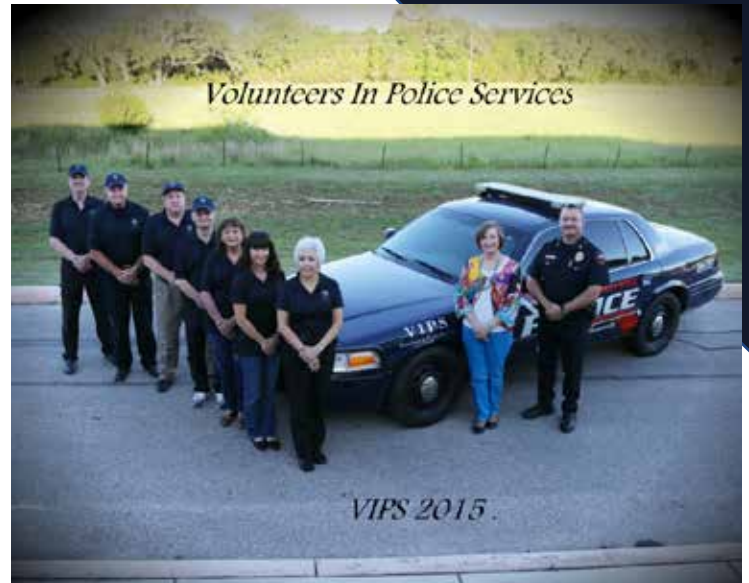
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In December of last year, the Bulverde Police Department's Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) program kicked off. Since that time, there have been ten volunteers come forward and become valuable members of the VIPs program. These VIPs answered their volunteer calling and are doing their part to make a difference in our community. These volunteers have assisted with enhanced neighborhood patrol, clerical, warrants, municipal court, special events, and in the criminal investigations divisions. Volunteers have the ability to choose which areas they would like to assist in and have become valuable team members at the Bulverde Police Department. In an average month, there are about 130 hours volunteered and over 800 miles driven right here in our community. These are high-visibility patrol miles in a Bulverde Patrol Unit vehicle that helps deter crime. Additional volunteer opportunities exist, and we are actively looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of the Bulverde VIPs program, please go to [vipsapplication@ci.bulverde.tx.us](mailto:vipsapplication@ci.bulverde.tx.us) and submit your name, address, and a contact number indicating that you would like an application for the program. Once received, someone will



respond with a very simple three page application for you to fill out and return. Once a background check is completed and comes back as eligible, you will be contacted for a short meeting with a member of the police department administration team. Upon final approval, a training date will be set for the classroom and field portion of the training. These two training sessions last about 2 hours each and then it's off to volunteering. VIPs is a great opportunity to truly get involved and make a difference in your community.

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# THE COMAL TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To enable effective management of the state's groundwater resources in areas where critical groundwater problems exist or may exist in the future, the Texas Legislature authorized the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to study, identify, and delineate Priority Groundwater Management Areas (PGMAs) and initiate the creation of Groundwater Conservations Districts (GCDs) within those areas, if necessary. Therefore, if a study area is designated as a PGMA, TCEQ will make a specific recommendation on GCD creation. State law authorizes the citizens in the PGMA two years to establish a GCD. However, if local action is not taken in this timeframe, TCEQ is required to establish a GCD that is consistent with the original recommendation.<sup>1</sup> (Also see Ch. 35 and 36 Texas Water Code)

Recognizing the groundwater supply limitations of the Trinity aquifer, the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA) was designated in June 1990 to include Bandera, Blanco, Gillespie, Kendall, and Kerr counties; and parts of Comal, Hays, and Travis counties. In 2001, the Trinity aquifer outcrop portion of northern Bexar County was added to the Hill Country PGMA. GCDs were established in all of the Hill Country PGMA counties except for the western Comal and southwestern Travis territories. Local efforts to establish a GCD for the western Comal County territory, which all had a property tax component, were defeated by the voters in 1995 and 2001, and no formal efforts to establish a GCD for the southwestern Travis County territory have succeeded.<sup>2</sup>

In July 2010, TCEQ issued a report which identified the areas in the Hill Country PGMA that were not included in a GCD and provided recommendations on whether one or more GCDs should be created. Because northwestern Comal County and southwestern Travis County were not in a GCD, the report included a primary recommendation to create a new three-county GCD to include the PGMA portions of Comal, Hays, and Travis counties, and an alternative recommendation to add the Comal PGMA territory to the Trinity Glen Rose GCD, and the Travis PGMA territory to the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BS/EACD). The Executive Director of TECQ filed the petition with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in October 2010 and withdrew the primary recommendation and advanced the alternative recommendation in November 2010. The SOAH hearing was abated from May 2011 to June 2013.<sup>3</sup>

In November 2011, Comal County Commissioner, Scott Haag, formed a stakeholders group to explore the creation of a Comal Trinity GCD. Based on the stakeholders report, Representative Doug Miller submitted a GCD bill for Comal County during the 2013 Legislative Session. The bill was engrossed by the House and referred to and left pending in the Senate Natural Resource Committee when the session ended.

In the fall of 2013, Commissioner Haag again reformed the stakeholders' group, with western Comal county resident Larry Hull serving as moderator, and began to prepare for the 2015 Legislative Session. In addition, the Comal County Commissioners Court intervened and requested that the Executive Director of TECQ provide one last opportunity for the citizens of Comal County to discuss and draft proposed legislation for the creation of a local GCD that would encompass the entire county. This would allow for Comal County citizens to manage their own water resources, versus the State forcing western Comal County territory into an adjacent county's GCD.

During this time, the Executive Director of TECQ filed a request with SOAH on January 7, 2014 to withdraw the petition, cancel the hearing on merits, and remand the petition back to the Executive Director. In the request, the Executive Director of TCEQ acknowledged that, given the complexity of the case, further evaluation would be beneficial, and determined that the best course of action was to withdraw the petition and subsequently refile a new petition if local or legislative efforts were ultimately unsuccessful in protecting the PGMA.<sup>4</sup> The administrative law judges granted the Executive Director's request on January 27, 2014, allowing for the Stakeholders Group to continue their work in drafting compromise legislation.

The county-wide stakeholders group consisted of roughly 25 persons from various areas of the county, which included representatives from utilities and water companies (NBU, GR, CLWSC), large industrial users (CEMEX, Tex-Mix), private well owners, Cities (Bulverde, Garden Ridge, New Braunfels), County Representatives, the Bulverde/Spring Branch Economic Development Foundation, and other interested residents.

The stakeholders group placed an emphasis on Public Education (i.e. conservation, recharge, rainwater harvesting), Aquifer Research (i.e. well inventory, recharge, drought impact), Strategic Planning (i.e. participate with regional planning boards such as Groundwater Management Area's 9 and 10), and Maintaining Water Quality (i.e. well construction standards, groundwater monitoring and testing, pollution control).

Following two years of intense stakeholder meetings and drafting of GCD legislation, the stakeholders group sought support from Commissioner's Court and that support was granted through a County Resolution (Resolution #2014-31). A request was then sent to Representative Doug Miller and Senator Donna Campbell to sponsor a bill creating the Comal Trinity GCD based on the recommendations of the Stakeholders Group. The bill was approved by both the Texas Senate and the Texas House during the 2015 Legislative Session and became law June 17th. The Comal Trinity GCD took effect immediately according to the enrolled version of HB 2407.

The following are key points addressed in the enacting legislation:

- The Comal Trinity GCD will encompass all of Comal County, not just the PGMA area
- A seven (7) member board will be appointed by the

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- No more than \$40 per acre-foot for groundwater used for any other purpose.

In a nutshell, western Comal County was going to be included in a GCD one way or another. If no local action was taken, the State would have forced the area into an adjoining county's GCD, where a less advantageous representation situation would have occurred. Fortunately, the Comal County Commissioners and the local stakeholders group stepped in, took action, and did everything within their ability to ensure that a county-wide GCD was created to be managed locally by the citizens of Comal County, versus the citizens of a neighboring GCD or county. To see the full version of the bill, please visit our website at [www.bsbedf.com](http://www.bsbedf.com) and click on Comal Trinity GCD Legislation under "Information of Interest."

<sup>1</sup> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Website: Groundwater Planning and Assessment / Priority Groundwater Management Areas

<sup>3</sup> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Website: Groundwater Planning and Assessment / Priority Groundwater Management Areas

<sup>2</sup> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality July 2010 Groundwater Conservation District Recommendation for Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area- Western Comal and Southwestern Travis Counties

<sup>4</sup> Texas Commission on Environmental Quality January 2015 Priority Groundwater Management Areas and Groundwater Conservation Districts Report to the 84th Texas Legislature



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# Bulverde Fun Fest a Huge Success!

A day filled with fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all at the 2nd Annual Bulverde Fun Fest held on Saturday, June 13th from 10 am – 2 pm at the Bulverde Community Park on Bulverde Lane.

The festival kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony to recognize the new playground equipment installed in January 2015. While some guests enjoyed free rides around the park on The Blue Lion Train, sponsored by the Spring Branch/Bulverde Lions Club, others took “funny face pictures” at the photo booth courtesy of Sam Roberts Photography.

Many little park lovers enjoyed petting the puppies sponsored by the Bulverde Area Humane Society and others wandered over to The Farmyard Petting Zoo to get up close and personal with their favorite farmyard animals and catch a ride on a pony. Some guests created works of art using sidewalk chalk while others lined up to get their faces adorned by the incredibly talented face painter. All in all, fun was the “code word” for the day and everyone enjoyed a fabulous time in the park!

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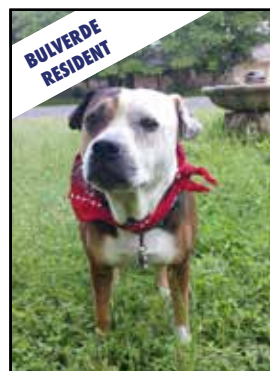


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# STORM WATER DRAINAGE 101

The evaluation and understanding of storm water runoff is a complex and highly technical undertaking. It is also a key concern to many residents in our area, particularly those that have flooding issues during heavy rain events and/or those that are located downstream of new development activity. The following is a general explanation of storm water runoff and the City's efforts to help manage it.

During rainstorms, the falling water collects on the various surfaces it hits, ponds, and then runs off the surface. On a small scale, like an outdoor table, it is fairly easy to observe the outcome. As the raindrops hit the surface, they bubble up and eventually combine together, even if the table is perfectly level. On a perfectly level table, the bubbles combine into a puddle that covers the entire table. Any additional rain, then "knocks" water off the edge of the table, creating "runoff." Most tables, however, are not perfectly level. Slight imperfections in the surface, the table supports, and the surface it is sitting on, all conspire to alter how those raindrops combine and collect. **Water always seeks the lowest point and the path of least resistance.** Water, in essence, is lazy; letting gravity to do all the work. On our "real world" table surface example, the raindrops collect together in the lowest spot of the table surface. The puddle that forms doesn't necessarily cover the entire surface. Instead it is an irregular shape, and once it reaches a certain depth, the water runs off the surface is a single, or few, locations, generating a "runoff stream." A small puddle often can remain on the surface even after the rain stops, which then dries up and eventually disappears. This same phenomenon occurs on the surface area of the ground, just on a much larger scale, and not always in a way that is easily visible.

In our table example, if the table is tilted some, we can change how quickly the water flows off the surface and where it flows off the surface. This tells us that the slope and shape of the table affect the runoff direction and flow. There is also a difference in the amount of runoff and the quickness it flows across the surface depending on the surface type. A smooth glass table top, for example, doesn't hold much of a puddle and the water flows off of it fairly quickly. A grooved, wooden surface holds more puddles (in the grooves) and the water does not flow as quickly across the surface. The same analogies apply to the surface of the ground. Water will flow quickly on hard-packed, smooth, steeply sloping soil (like the glass table top) and will flow more slowly on rough soil (like the grooved wooden table top).

The final thing our table top example teaches us concerns "drainage basins." The table top is our drainage basin. We know that a certain amount, or volume, of water will flow off that surface during a given

rain storm. The same rain falling around the table, in the rest of the patio or yard, doesn't affect the amount generated by the table top. If the rain were simply to fall in the yard and not hit the table top, then no runoff would come from the table top. It may be easier to picture if you think of the table top as a very shallow bowl. The bottom of the bowl is the irregular shape of the puddle on the surface – all the other areas slope to this point. Now stretch your imagination from this to a deeper bowl shape or even a typical bowl. All the rain coming from above the bowl collects in it, creating the runoff.

It is logical to assume that a larger amount of runoff will be generated by a larger bowl than the smaller one. If it rains harder over one bowl than the other, the amount of water collected in each is different – even if the bowls are the same size. These same concepts also apply to the ground surface, only on a much larger scale.

## These examples help illustrate the following:

- The ground surface is irregularly shaped but can be split up into different drainage watershed basins (or bowls).
- Runoff is always going to collect in the low spots of each basin and flow out as gravity and the surface conditions allow.
- The amount of runoff generated is dependent on several factors. The size of the basin (bowl); the type of material the basin's surface is comprised of; the slope of the sides and low points; the rainfall intensity; and the location of the rainfall all affect how much runoff flows out of the basin.

Now, as we consider new development in our area, we can generalize what happens. For simplicity, we will just examine one drainage basin. Imagine a basin that is currently vacant and undeveloped (typical pasture land with some trees). The basin slopes to a common lower area, creating a shallow swale. That swale connects up (discharges to, or drains to) a drainage channel that runs alongside a residential neighborhood. When it rains, water collects in this basin, then leaves the basin, and flows down this channel. Imagine this runoff hypothetically equates to 100 cubic feet per second (CFS, which is the common measurement of drainage runoff). This amount can be contained in the existing channel. The landowner decides to develop the land located in this basin, building both roads and new houses. This changes the conditions of the basin, by changing the basins surface material type and smoothness. Some minor slope changes within the basin may also occur, but the common low area, or swale generally is not changed except for the surface material. We know from the

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previous table example that these changes are going to affect the amount of runoff. Changing from a permeable soil/grass surface to a nonpermeable concrete/asphalt surface is going to increase the overall amount of runoff, because less water will be absorbed by the soil. This means that post-development the runoff flowing down that channel from this basin will likely be more than the original 100 CFS for that same intensity of rainstorm, if left unmitigated. If that downstream channel cannot handle that new volume of drainage, then the runoff will leave the banks of the channel. As it leaves the channel, it means that water goes where it did not used to and may cause problems for adjacent property owners.

This is why development regulations, particularly drainage regulations, are so critical. This is especially true for areas such as Bulverde, which have many areas with very steep topography, and can also experience very intense levels of rain. The City of Bulverde has been proactive in developing drainage regulations to better protect downstream property owners (such as the neighborhood next to the channel in our earlier example). The City of Bulverde's regulations require that all new developments must hire an engineer to perform the drainage analysis of both the existing (predevelopment) drainage conditions and the fully developed drainage conditions. The City's regulations also require that the amount of runoff (the CFS) in the fully developed condition CANNOT exceed the predevelopment runoff amount. This is normally done with detention basins/structures that help limit the amount of flow out of the watershed basin. By keeping this runoff out of the basin to the predevelopment levels, by holding back the runoff water, the downstream property owners would "see" the same amount in the drainage channel as they did before development. In other words, it ensures that the downstream drainage situation does not become worse with any new development.

Another way the City has been proactive in regards to addressing

the storm water drainage issues faced by our community is by performing an engineering analysis of the Lewis Creek Watershed (LCW). This very large watershed (over 23 square miles) is made up of numerous smaller drainage basins. All of these smaller basins collect storm water and ultimately send runoff to the larger Lewis Creek channel that flows through the city's Oak Village North neighborhood. In order to help address many of the local flooding issues associated with the Lewis Creek Watershed, the City's recent watershed analysis included the development of a hydraulic model of the entire LCW watershed. This model was adopted by the City as "best available data" and incorporated into the City's drainage regulations. Consequently, any new development in the watershed will also have to utilize this new engineering model to evaluate and mitigate any downstream effects of their development. This is an additional layer of engineering analysis that must occur, beyond the basic drainage basin analysis that was described in our earlier example. This additional layer of analysis must examine not only the immediate downstream effects, but also the overall effects in the entire LCW watershed, to help ensure that existing conditions are not made worse by the new development.

Per the City Council's direction, the City has also applied for a Texas Water Development Board grant (the application results are expected this Summer) to further analyze the watershed to identify various potential regional mitigation improvements that could be made to help improve, or reduce, the runoff effects experienced in the Lewis Creek Watershed. The grant application will also analyze another key watershed in the community, the Indian Creek Watershed (ICW), which also experiences property flooding in heavy rain events.

For more information regarding the City's Lewis Creek Watershed study or other storm water mitigation efforts, please visit [bulverdetx.gov](http://bulverdetx.gov) and click on "Strategic Initiatives."

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About fifty percent (50%) of all drownings occur in lakes, rivers, or oceans. With the dramatic amounts of rainfall during the end of May, water levels in the Texas Hill Country are a concern for everyone. While the unpredictable forces of natural bodies of waters are not present in pools, dangers still lurk. Simple safety steps can save lives in and around water. Adding as many proven water safety steps is the best way to assure a safe and fun experience.

## STAYING CLOSE, BEING ALERT AND WATCHING

- Never swim alone (use the buddy system) and always watch swimmers of any age when they are in or near water
- Teach all swimmers basic water safety tips
- Have a telephone close by when you or your family are swimming

## LEARNING AND PRACTICING WATER SAFETY SKILLS

- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim
- Seconds count! Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly
- Coast guard approved life jackets save lives—half of all boating deaths might be prevented with the use of life jackets
- Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents. Some examples are water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris.
- If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore

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As the administrators of county government, the Commissioners have the authority to enact county-wide policies, and to the extent provided by law, to enact legislation in the form of court orders. Commissioners Court also exercises varying degrees of oversight over subsidiary county boards, such as Emergency Services Districts for example.

Citizens are encouraged to make an appointment to see their Commissioner. Occasionally, County business delays the Commissioners or requires shortened hours, so appointments are the best way to guarantee time with your Commissioner.



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### July 15

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Location: Bulverde Community Center

### July 25

Business Networking Mixer  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by River Crossing  
Location: River Crossing Golf Club  
Member Only Event

*\*\*For information on any of the above events, please see  
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## On the Cover



From the battle of Gonzales to the Texas Declaration of Independence, Texans fought under at least eight flags: Gonzales, Dodson, Scott, Dimmitt, Brown, Red Rovers, Troutman, and Baker. The Gonzales or "Come and Take It" flag was designed and painted by Cynthia Burns and Evaline DeWitt, and was allegedly used at the battle of Gonzales in October of 1835. The flag may have been carried by Stephen F.

Austin's volunteer army to the siege of Bexar. In his book *The Evolution of a State or Recollections of Old Texas Days* (1900), Noah Smithwick described this flag as "a breadth of white cotton cloth about six feet long, in the center of which was painted in black a picture of the old cannon, above it a lone star and beneath it the words 'Come and take it.'" Charles Mason, who participated in the battle of Gonzales and later married Evaline DeWitt, described the flag as "a white ground with a black cannon in the center, and the motto 'Come and take it!' above and below." The Gonzales flag, with or without a lone star, apparently was the first flag used in the Texas Revolution. (Retrieved from the Texas State Historical Association website <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/msf02>). It is believed that the original flag was made from the wedding dress of the daughter of Texas colonist Green DeWitt.

Photographed in 2014 by a local amateur photographer, the three flags on our cover were flying on the flagpole at local eatery and watering hole, Max's Roadhouse. As we raise a salute to our national and state colors, we wish our readers a very happy and safe 4th of July!

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# The Buzz From the Garden

By: Members of the Bulverde Community Garden Committee

Pollinators are very important to any garden. It is best to introduce a variety of plants that bloom at different times of the year to attract pollinators throughout the year. The following native and adaptive plants are some examples: agarita, sumac, kidneywood, ceniza, zexmenia, columbine, bluebonnets, butterfly weed, black dahlia and rosemary. The Bulverde Community Garden Committee is pleased to present a workshop on using particular plants in your garden to attract pollinators, especially bees. Local beekeepers, Bill and Sue Smith, members of the Comal County Beekeepers Association will present this interesting workshop on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center. There will be a garden workday beginning at 8:00 a.m. The workshop is open to the public and is free of charge.

It is exciting to see the Garden continue to grow with the help from numerous community groups. The sponsor sign is up thanks to boy scouts from Troop 58 and four more plots are planned to be built by Eagle Scout Sam Valle. GEOSOURCE and Home Depot also donated soil to be used in the new plots.

If you or your business would like to secure a plot (at no cost), please visit the Garden website at [www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com](http://www.bulverdecommunitygarden.com) or contact Joanne Hall at [johall@gvtc.com](mailto:johall@gvtc.com). Donations and volunteers are gladly accepted. Also, interested persons are invited to attend the Bulverde Community Garden Committee meeting on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center.



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With all the recent rain, tomatoes, beans, carrots, onions, peppers, squash and cucumbers are abundant. The plots are full and lush. Here is a great recipe using many of the vegetables available in the garden:

## Balsamic Bruschetta



8 Roma (plum) tomatoes, diced  
1/3 cup chopped fresh basil  
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (optional)  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar  
1 tsp olive oil  
1/4 tsp kosher salt  
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
1 loaf French bread

Mix all ingredients, except French bread, in a bowl. Season to taste. Refrigerate. Serve on toasted French bread slices. Variation: add diced red onion to tomato mixture.

Source: *allrecipes*

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# Lost and Found Pets...What to Do

By Animal Rescue Connections

With the May flooding still very much on everyone's minds and July fireworks at hand, now is a good time to talk about lost and found pets. We hope no one has to go through the misery of losing a pet, but there are things you can do to increase the chances of a happy reunion.

First and most important—have identification on your pet. Microchip your pet. It costs very little but is one of the greatest things you can do so your lost pet can be identified by strangers (see <http://tinyurl.com/nnuue6g> for a microchip success story).

Also, always try to keep a collar and current ID tag on your pet. While it's true that some dogs and cats don't like collars, or some owners believe that their indoor pets will NEVER get out, it's still best practice to have a collar and tag on your pet. The pet will get used to wearing the collar, and rubber tag frames are available to mute the "jingling" of tags if that sound is an annoyance to you. Another option is to use a wide collar and write your phone number on the collar with a permanent marker. This may fade over time and need to be refreshed every now and then so the writing stays dark and legible.

Second, take pictures of your pets. Recent pictures can be used to

post on flyers, on lost/found pet sites, and on Facebook and Twitter. You can use social media to help spread the word about a lost or found pet very quickly. Ask your friends to share your posts about a lost or found pet with their friends, and then their friends can share the posts. Networking like this will get the word out far and wide very quickly. There are several local Facebook pages dedicated to helping lost pets reunite with owners. Post and cross post to all of those that you can find.

Third, if you do lose your pet, take action immediately. Our website, [www.animalrescueconnections.org](http://www.animalrescueconnections.org), has information and links for places to contact.

And if you find a pet, don't assume it's a stray. Take it to a veterinarian and have it scanned for a microchip, look for lost pet posters, take a picture and put up found posters, and post the animal online. You can be part of a happy reunion story.

If you are happily reunited with your pet, please remember to update your emails and social media posts to share the good news and to relieve all of those pet helpers out there who still might be looking.

(Note: San Antonio has made it mandatory to have your pet microchipped as the primary system for pet licensing.)



## Teach Your Dogs to be Happy and Safe in the Water This Summer

by Kathy Rodriguez



Every dog can instinctively do the doggy-paddle. They may not be good at it or enjoy it though, and that is where you come in. Help your dog learn to enjoy water fun this summer by teaching him about the water and staying safe while doing it. Keep your dog's water experiences positive. Dogs with no prior knowledge of the water may need a lot of reassuring words, coaxing, and encouragement from you. If possible, use other dogs to help him see that he can have fun in the water. You should never toss your dog into the pool. When your pup cannot see where his paws land, it can be very scary. Make sure that there is a gradual entrance so the dog can step in slowly as he gets used to it. When introducing a dog to a pool, encourage him to step onto the pool's first step and then to jump out to you. You may

treat with small training treats for every positive accomplishment. Also, it is extremely important that your dog is familiar with where the exit is. Show him many times how to get to the stairs or other exit. Maintain a good balance between having your dog in the water and knowing when he needs a break. According to NOVADog Magazine, dogs new to water may need a break after 5 to 10 minutes, while the expert swimmer may need rest after 20 to 30 minutes. Using a canine lifejacket adds buoyancy and helps keep the dog from exhaustion. Most importantly, never leave your dog unattended in, or near the water. Kathy Rodriguez is a certified Pet Tech First Aid & CPR Instructor #1820 and the owner of Royally Spoiled Pet Services. For more information go to [www.royallyspoiledpetservices.com](http://www.royallyspoiledpetservices.com).

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# BAAC Welcomes Young Artists

## Register for Young Artists Workshop Series

The Young Artists Workshop Series is a program consisting of full- and half-day intensive art workshops developed for aspiring young artists from 11 through 18 years of age. Experienced artists from the area will conduct the workshops onsite at the Bulverde Area Art Center.

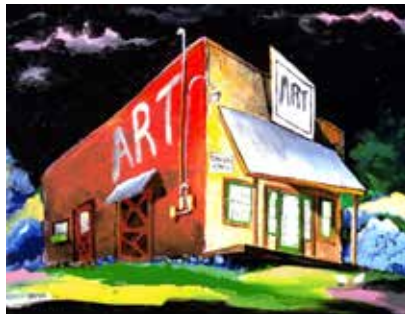
The July and August workshops will be conducted in the center's classroom, and outside on the grounds as weather permits. The workshops will consist of experiences with painting, design, drawing, photography, glass, textile dying, ceramics, and jewelry design. Most importantly, the workshops will be FUN!

The program is available to everyone in the community at the underwritten rate of \$49 per child. Participating parents/guardians will receive a discounted rate of \$39 per adult. All supplies will be provided at no additional cost. Information and registration for the workshops is available online at [www.bulverdeareaartcenter.com](http://www.bulverdeareaartcenter.com) or by contacting Gail Stouffer at [baacyoungartistworkshopseries@gmail.com](mailto:baacyoungartistworkshopseries@gmail.com).

## About the BAAC

The Bulverde Area Arts Center is a community based 501(c) 3 nonprofit institution committed to providing education for those aspiring in the arts, exhibitions for practitioners, and events for public participation. BAAC creates opportunities for exhibitors by featuring the work of

individual artists, to inspire artists of all levels and in all mediums. Special outreach programs for Bulverde area youth are designed to encourage and inspire interest and discover talents of the young people of the community. The only requirement for participation is a love of the arts and a desire for personal artistic development.



The BAAC provides sponsorship of children's art activities at the annual Bulverde Jubilee, and the annual Bulverde Christmas Lighting. In addition, the BAAC hosts other organizations and their exhibitions in the gallery space.

The Bulverde Area Arts Center and gallery, founded in 2010, is located at 2355 Bulverde Road, in a historical building in the quaint Village of Bulverde. The organization is member driven, consisting of artists from the Comal/Bexar/Kendall County area who work in a variety of mediums. The BAAC provides members with numerous opportunities to showcase their work, as well as sponsoring art education outreach programming. In addition, BAAC members participate in community service events offering free youth education activities and programs. A volunteer board gives its time generously, and works diligently to accomplish the group's mission.

The BAAC Gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from 4 pm to 8 pm, and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm. There is no admission charge to visit the gallery.



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Escape the heat by heading to the cool Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. With Superheroes on our minds, our Summer Reading Programs are in full swing. This summer, Bulverde/Spring Branch Library will be fighting a foe of gargantuan proportions – summer boredom! The themes this year are *Every Hero Has a Story* for children, *Unmask!* for teens, and *Escape the Ordinary* for adults, and we plan to celebrate reading by offering events, prizes, and of course... books!

By registering and reading, you can enter drawings for prizes throughout the summer. Prizes available for children include coupons, books and small toys. For the teens, candy is a favorite, with a grand prize of a Kindle Fire HD7. For the adults, up to five books, audiobooks or ebooks reviews can be entered into a drawing every two weeks for H-E-B gift cards, candles, or an FOL Cookbook, with a grand prize of a Kindle Fire HD.

Look at our calendar of events at [www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org) to see the programs we have planned, including 'Meet a Community Hero' on Mondays, 'Super Performers' on Wednesdays, and 'Super Craft Squad' for the children on Fridays. Teens have their own events including Guardians of the Galaxy Night on July 10, which will include a t-shirt craft (bring a black one of your own to decorate) followed by the movie and as always--food, and the Teen program will end with the BSBL ComicCon on July 24. Come in costume to take pictures with superheroes and make crafts based on all your favorite comics and shows. You must be 13-18 years old to attend these events. No registration required. Be A Hero! July 11 is your chance to make a difference in the lives of others. The South Texas Blood & Tissue Mobile, Be A Donor and the WOW Mobile will be in the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library's lower parking lot Saturday from 10:30am-2:30pm--four hours spent showing that the community can make a difference in the lives of others. Sign up to donate blood by registering on our calendar event page. Show up to have a tissue swab of your

mouth to determine if you can Be A Donor bone marrow match. The WOW (Wellness on Wheels) mobile will be on hand to give free blood pressure checks and blood sugar checks. Come by and take a tour of the rolling Medical Clinic funded by McKenna Foundation of New Braunfels and operated by the Acacia Medical Mission and Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services. If you are uninsured or underinsured and would like medical care or evaluation, stop by until 2pm.

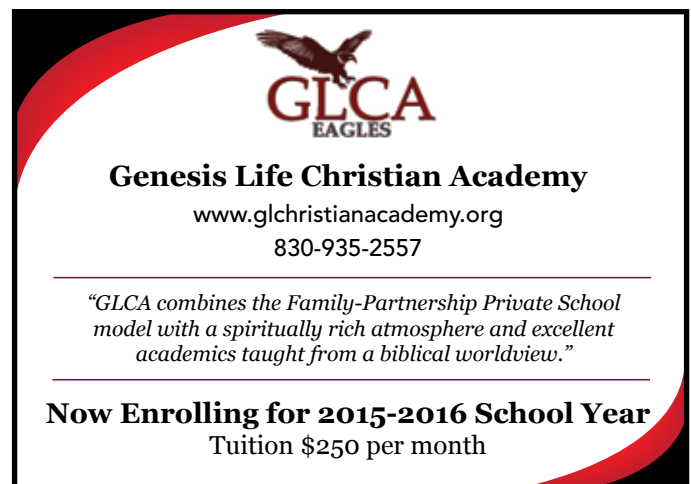
Adults can also participate. In Watercolor Painting in a Day, following Terry Madden's video, you will go home with a finished painting minus drying time. Registration required for each class, July 7, 16 and 28. Our final presentation will be Tips for the Adventurous Traveler on July 21, 1pm. Come listen to Sarah from Peace, Love & Travel Services as she walks us through booking exotic travel vacations. She will share her knowledge of traveling tips, trips and excursions.

Come find the SUPERHERO in you by registering for the Summer Reading Program and attending the events planned here at the library. All are free but some require registration, so go to [www.bsblibrary.org](http://www.bsblibrary.org) to see the details of each event.



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# Accolades for the Comal Master Gardeners

Comal Master Gardeners (CMG) won four first-place awards in the statewide judging by Texas Master Gardeners Association. CMG is in the Large Category of up to 200 members. The awards include firsts for Outstanding Master Gardener Association, Outstanding Project (vegetable/rose demonstration garden at Comal AgriLife), Outstanding Youth Program, and Outstanding Education Program. Additionally, CMG won third in Outstanding Individual Master Gardener.

The Education Award was for the Library Gardening Series which was started in 2009 and has seen an audience of 4,310 at three Comal libraries: Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, New Braunfels Public Library, and Tye Preston Memorial Library. Attendance at BSBL alone was 1,857. Gardening topics ranged from deer-proof plants, vegetables, and Earth-friendly gardening to beekeeping, to name only a few.

The Library Gardening Series is free, and eight programs are presented annually in all months except December and the summer. Bulverde area residents may watch for announcements from BSBL for dates and times. At BSBL, the Friends of the Library cosponsor the programs.



*Pictured with the Library award at the recent CMG general meeting at GVTC Auditorium are: (l-r) Karen Carlson, BSBL chair, Lucy Huff, TPML chair, Rosalie Meier NBPL chair, Lee Franzen former chair, with Brenda Coulter from TPML and Susan Herr, director at BSBL.*



## FIRST CHANCE FOUNDATION HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL RIBS & 'RITAS FUNDRAISER

The First Chance Foundation, a Bulverde-based nonprofit organization that focuses on helping abandoned, abused, and neglected children, held its 1st Annual Ribs & 'Ritas fundraiser in early June. The Ribs & 'Ritas event was a tremendous success and raised over \$25,000 through tickets sales and a silent auction to support the organization's programs.

Held at the home of the charity's founders, Clint & Heather Swindall, the annual fundraising event was presented by Verbalocity, a personal development company specializing in leadership enhancement. All event expenses were paid by Verbalocity, allowing every dollar raised to go directly to programs supporting disadvantaged children.

Food for the event was provided by Good Life! Barbeque, an award-winning competition BBQ team. The menu featured a whole hog, pork spare ribs, and frozen margaritas. Tickets for the event, which included a memorable meal, a silent auction, and special entertainment, were \$25. Attendees included local business owners, other nonprofit leaders from the community, friends and family.

Founded in 2005 by Heather & Clint Swindall, the First Chance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that serves abandoned, abused, and neglected children. For the past decade, the organization has been raising money to support charities on the front line assisting disadvantaged children. More information on First Chance Foundation can be found at [www.firstchancefoundation.org](http://www.firstchancefoundation.org) or on Facebook (FirstChanceFoundation) and Twitter (@FirstChance1).

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# SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 15

## DAY OF SERVICES FOR THE BULVERDE COMMUNITY

Plan to be at the Bulverde Community Park on the morning of Saturday, August 15th for the first Day of Services for the Bulverde Community. On that Saturday morning, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, several local service providers will be on site at Park to provide convenient and free or low-cost services to all area residents. Service providers who may be on site include the following.\*

### SERVICE PROVIDER

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free, reusable lunch bags for children; information about Provisions  
Blood drive

(\*Service providers listed herein are subject to change.)

So mark your calendars and plan to be at the Bulverde Community Park on the morning of Saturday, August 15th to take advantage of the convenience of having all of these Service Providers in one place at the same time. All service providers are offering a limited selection of their services for free or a reduced rate as a service to our Bulverde and Spring Branch community residents. Please check the Front Porch News Facebook page and the August edition for an updated and expanded list of Service Providers.



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## THE ENCORE PLAYERS WILL MAKE YOUR DAY

The Encore Players of the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center is a group of very talented individuals who travel to various assisted living facilities and senior centers in the area. They are an outreach program of S.T.A.G.E. Theater in Bulverde. Their mission is to brighten the day of their audiences. This theater troupe features humorous skits and songs that are certain to put a smile on the face of everyone watching. Recently they performed at Kirkwood Assisted Living in New Braunfels.

The group has members who have been together for more than ten years and includes Tom Balmos, Syble Patterson, Ethel Smith, Sam Shelton, Barbara Lewis Harris, Mike Jennings, Tonie Rogers and Linda Everingham. Tom Balmos uses his background in entertainment to write, choreograph, and direct the troupe. He even drives the bus to transport everyone to the different venues. Barbara Lewis Harris provides the musical portion of the performance with her lovely voice. The members love what they do and are always ready to perform. Ethel says, "It's fun. It's like a social gathering. We like performing to different groups. Tom is a wonderful director." Tom not only leads this group but is always on hand to assist the Activity Center with other activities. He is a favorite for his master of ceremony abilities.

The Encore Players are always looking for new talent to add to the merriment. Their group meets every Monday, 12:30 pm, at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center. Come have lunch, and join the fun. Watch for upcoming performances on the BSBAC website, [www.bsbac.com](http://www.bsbac.com).



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# SHOW ME THE MONEY

by Tom Blacklock

"Show me the money" was a phrase frequently uttered by Tom Cruise in the movie Jerry Maguire and is one that is often used when suggesting that someone get serious about finalizing a financial transaction. While we at the Bulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS) are not quite as blatant as asking someone to "show us the money," we would certainly like to do so.

You see, BAHS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization that receives no assistance in the form of tax dollars, although a number of people seem to be under that impression—especially when they are trying to surrender a pet. Instead, for the past 32 years, BAHS has relied on charitable contributions and volunteers to perform its mission of taking in abandoned and unwanted dogs and cats and finding them forever homes.

Where do these contributions come from? It is often thought that large corporations and foundations are the greatest sources of philanthropic monies, but in actuality they account for very little. According to the most recent Giving USA report, which reported for 2013, \$335 billion dollars were given to charity in the United States. Of that total, only 15% was donated by foundations and 5% by Corporations. The remaining 80% was given by individuals. And it is the individual that we have come to rely on for our continual support.

In 2014, the cost of operating BAHS was \$106,000, which included such things as food for the animals, veterinary bills, utilities, maintenance costs, and payroll for our small cadre of part-time



animal caretakers. While \$106,000 is the actual cost documented in our financial records, many additional costs were borne by our good-hearted volunteers. These additional costs include special food for our critters, litter, and occasional specialty veterinary bills. For example, recently BAHS raised over \$8,000 to cover the expense of a hip replacement for a young yellow Lab (Marley!).

An area where we receive much needed support is in feeding the animals. Our canine residents consume approximately 200 pounds of dog food a month and our large cat and kitten contingent dine on about 100 pounds a month. Fortunately, BAHS receives great assistance in the form of both dog and cat food from local businesses. Added to this are the contributions made by our wonderful volunteers and other citizens. Without this support, our costs would be considerably more.

So if you have some extra money or pet food lying around, don't let it get old and moldy, donate it to BAHS. Remember we are a tax exempt organization and your contribution is a tax deduction. We would be glad to document your contribution with a receipt and a puppy or kitten.

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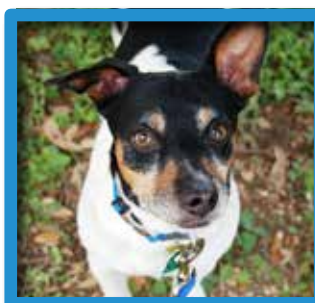


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12	13 Library District Board 4:00p (Library)	14 City Council 6:30p	15 SBB Family Lions 7:30p (Activity Center)	16 ESD #1, 4, & 5 5:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) BSBES 6:00p (353 Rodeo Dr.) Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	17 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	18 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)
19	20 Community Garden Mtg. 5:15p (Activity Ctr.)	21 Native Plant Soc. 7:00p (GVTC)	22	23 Bulverde Lions 7:00p (Bulv. Comm. Ctr.) Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	24	25 Shine the Park 8:00a (Bulverde Comm. Park) Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.) Annual Style Show 11:00a (Activity Ctr.)
26 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	27	28 Friends of the Park 6:00p	29	30 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.)	31 Forbidden Broadway (S.T.A.G.E.) P.O.E.T. Program 6:530p (City Hall)	

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